(2) Are they aware that the chief cause of such conversion is the absence of irrigation facilities owing to the filling up of irrigation tanks as a result of their assignment?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (1) The matter is under investigation.

(2) The information is noted.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): With reference to the answer to part (1) will the member kindly say whether the Government have any objection to asking the newly formed Irrigation Boards to submit their views on this question regarding the unrestricted conversion of paddy lands into garden lands?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): That will be considered.

Tuberculosis in Travancore.

371. **MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): (1) Are the Government aware:

(*a*) of the extent to which tuberculosis prevails in the State; and

(*b*) of the number of Travancore patients resorting to the Tuberculosis Sanatorium at Madanapalli?

(2) Will they be pleased to state whether they have any scheme for establishing a Tuberculosis Sanatorium within the State?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) (*a*) The Administrative Board, Medical Services, states that tuberculosis prevails in the State to a great extent.

(*b*) From a communication received from the Superintendent of the Sanatorium, it is seen that, since the opening of that institution in 1915, not less than 260 patients from Travancore have received treatment in it.

(2) Yes. The question is under consideration.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Are the Government satisfied with the urgency of opening an institution?

MR. T. P RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The answer shows that Government realise the need for it.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Do the Government realise the urgency of opening an institution immediately?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): I cannot say that. Government realise the need for it and action is being taken.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know whether any active steps are being taken in that direction by the Government?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The scheme is being examined.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know in what stage the scheme is now?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The merits of the scheme are being examined.

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MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Will the member let me have an idea of the scheme, or at least let me know at what stage it is now?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The Administrative Board, Medical Services, has forwarded a resolution on the subject, and that is under the consideration of Government.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): How long has this matter been under the consideration of Government?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): For about six months.

Temperance Movement.

372. **MR. G. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Karunagapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any representations from the people of Karunagapalli in respect of temperance propaganda; and

(*b*) if so, whether they have taken any move in the matter?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The matter was referred to the Excise Commissioner. He has reported that it is not safe to effect a reduction in the number of toddy and arrack shops in the Kulasekharapuram and Perinad pakuties of the Karunagapalli taluk, referred to in the representations, and that the allegation of the existence of illicit practices in these places made in the representations is without foundation. This report is under examination.

Acquisition of lands for the Y. W. C. A. Trivandrum.

373. **MR. A. C. KURIAKOSE** (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have acquired certain lands for the use of the Trivandrum Y. W. C. A.;

(*b*) whether the Y. W. C. A. is a public or a charitable institution;

(*c*) whether non-Christians can be members of the Y. W. C. A.;

(*d*) whether any Catholic is a member of any Y. W. C. A.;

(*e*) what Section of the Regulation or Rules gives the required authority to Government to acquire lands for institutions like the Y. W. C. A.; and

(*f*) the dates of the declaration of acquisition and of the opening of the Y. W. C. A.?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) No.

(*b*) The Y. W. C. A. is a philanthropic Society not conducted for gain.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Yes; though there is no Catholic member at present in the Trivandrum branch.

(*e*) Section 6 of Regulation XI of 1089.

(*f*) The date of declaration.. 19-11-1929

The date of opening of Y W. C. A. Hostel ... 8-12-1929.

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